

**WV DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2014 COOPERATIVE RESEARCH and
EDUCATION/MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
GUIDANCE**

Proposals are due no later than **Friday, January 10, 2014**. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be made no later than the end of March. Proposals should be mailed to:

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The West Virginia Cooperative Research and Education/Management Grant Program seeks proposals for research projects that address needs either specifically identified in this announcement or more generally described in the **West Virginia Wildlife Conservation Action Plan** (available on our website at <http://www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/PDFFiles/wvwcap.pdf> 73MB file). Research proposals submitted must specifically identify how project objectives address the identified needs. Education/Management proposals can be considerably broader in scope.

The WVDNR seeks to fund projects which preferably will be completed within one 12-month project cycle and which are normally limited to no more than \$8,000. However, worthy projects addressing high-priority needs may be funded for longer time periods and/or for larger dollar amounts.

The WVDNR requires that a valid and documented non-federal funding match be provided by the applicant. The **minimum** matching amount that will be considered is 25 percent of total project cost. The agency will require certification of matching funds prior to authorizing invoice payments. Matching funds may be provided as cash or as in-kind services. In any event, **the match cannot come from any federal source.**

One paper copy and one digital copy of each complete project proposal must be submitted or postmarked by the proposal due date. A complete proposal should include the following components, which are described in greater detail in the Grants Application Booklet:

- Receipt Notification Form
 - Cover Letter
 - Project Proposal
 - Title Page and Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Justification and Need
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Schedule
 - Deliverables
 - Budget Summary
 - References Cited
 - Appendices
 - Detailed Budget Sheet (paper and digital copies of the Excel spreadsheet – template provided upon request)
 - *Curriculum Vitae* of all project principals
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Priority Research topics for 2014 include:

- Development and implementation of a project to determine the extent of hybridization in Candy Darter (*Etheostoma osburni*) in order to delineate the most genetically pure populations (requires close coordination with DNR staff on project implementation)
- Surveys of known and historical sites for Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), as well as *de novo* searches, in order to determine population size and delineate extent
- Surveys and data assimilation leading to the development of a rapid assessment monitoring protocol and species/habitat management plan for Allegheny Woodrat (*Neotoma magister*)
- Surveys for butterflies and moths in selected counties and/or specific habitats (locations provided upon expression of interest)
- Extensive statewide survey to document bumblebee distribution, with particular attention given to two declining species (*Bombus affinis* and *B. terricola*)